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ABSTRACT

The annual dropout and migration statistics report of the District of Columbia public schools reflects the guidelines, definitions, and tracking procedures of the District schools. School year 1992-93 was the fourth year of im, lementation of this project in the D.C. public schools. In school year 1992-93 the total number of dropouts was 2,499, representing 8.24 percent of students at the secondary level. The overall out-migration rate (out-of-city transfers) was 2.81 percent. Both rates reflect a marginal increase in dropout and migration rates over the previous school year. Dropout rates increased slightly for African-American and Asian students and decreased slightly for Hispanic-American students. More males dropped out than females, and the largest proportion (24.81 percent) dropped out while enrolled in grade 10. More than one quarter of students enrolled in alternative schools dropped out, an actual decline from the previous year. A dropout rate of 34.6 percent is projected for the next 4 years for the present ninth-grade cohort. Six tables present dropout statistics. An appendix contains definitions, rates, and lists of schools by city area. (SLD)

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DROPOUT AND NIGRATION STATISTICS SCHOOL YEAR 1992-93

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PREFACE

The annual dropout and migration statistics report reflects the guidelines, definitions and tracking procedures developed nationally during the Dropout Statistics Field Test (U.S. Department of Education, 1992). School Year 1992-93 was the fourth year of implementation of this project in D.C. Public Schools.

The data within this report describe a cohort of secondary students enrolled in D.C. Public Schools in October 1992 but who did not return by October 1993 and did not graduate (i.e., dropouts, transfer, court-ordered withdrawals, deaths and serious illnesses). Also, included are students who left during the summer months prior to the opening of School Year (SY) 1992-93 (i.e., no shows). Dropout statistics are presented by racial/ethnic groups, sex, age and grade. Both dropout and migrations statistics are presented by school, school types, school clusters and city wards.

Additionally, comparison statistics are presented between SY 1992-93 and previous years, as well as a 4-year projected dropout rate for the present 9th grade cohort of students.

Steady trends noted across the annual dropout rates for DCPS give credit to continuous refinements in the dropout accounting system since the initial implementation in SY 1989-90. Annual tracking procedures have become more automated, student data quality has improved, and the number of students identified as "school leavers" continues to membership reflect annual Also, the close proximity of the dropout rates fluctuations. computed for the past two years suggests the attainment of a sustained, baseline indicator.



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SUMMARY OF STATISTICS

For SY 1992-93, the total number of dropouts in D.C. Public Schools was 2,499, which represents 8.24% of the students at the secondary school level (grades 7-12). The overall out-migration rate (out-of-city transfers) was 2.81%. Both rates reflect a marginal increase in the dropout and migration rates over the previous school year (DCPS, 1993).

Dropouts by Race/Ethnic Group, Gender, Age and Grade

Ethnic Group. The dropout rates for African American students increased slightly to 8.29% from the previous year (from 8.14%) and increased for Asian students to 8.70% (up from 6.96%). Declines were noted for Hispanic students with a rate of 6.75% (from 8.35%) and for White students with a rate of 4.46% (from 6.19%). American Indian students had no dropouts for this school year, as compared to 3 student dropouts the previous year.

<u>Gender and Age</u>. Dropouts included a greater proportion of male students than the previous year with 55.14% (from 50.47%), while the proportion of females declined to 44.86% (from 49.53%). Similar to the previous school year, more than one-half (59.27%) of the dropouts were between the ages of 16 and 21. The largest increase was noted between the ages of 20-21 years old at 15.21% (from 8.43%), while the greatest decline occurred in ages 12-13 years at 4.32% (from 9.15%). Increases in the dropout rate were noted only for students 18 years or older.

Grade. Similar to the previous school year, the largest proportion (24.81%) of dropouts was enrolled in grade 10 at the time of departure, with one-fifth (19.89%) in grade 11. Increases were noted in the dropout rates at grades 7, 8, and 11.

Dropouts by School Type, School Cluster and City Ward

School Type. More than one-fourth (28.12%) of students enrolled in alternative schools dropped out, which was actually a substantial decline from the previous year (from 42.8%). Slight increases were noted for junior and senior high school rates (5.68% and 9.63%, respectively), with declines noted for the extended elementary and special education school rates (1.28% and 3.52%, respectively).



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School Cluster. Cluster 6 had the highest dropout rate at 16.66%, while Cluster 2 had the lowest dropout rate at 3.09%. Cluster statistics for the previous school year were not available for comparison.

<u>City Ward</u>. Similar to the previous year, Ward 5 had the highest dropout rate with 12.66% of secondary students dropping out. All wards had declines in the dropout rates from the previous year except Ward 6 which had a rate of 8.9% (from 4.2%). The largest decline from the previous year was noted in Ward 8 with a rate of 7.09% (from 11.8%).

<u>Migration Trends and</u> Other Student Leavers

The rate of students migrating out of the District of Columbia (out-migration) was 2.81%, which was a slight increase over the previous year (from 2.04). Similar to the previous year, less than 1% (0.43%) of secondary students transferred to optional educational programs within the District of Columbia (i.e., private schools, DCPS adult education centers, and job corps). Also, less than 1% (0.28%) of secondary students left DCPS due to court-ordered withdrawals, deaths and serious illnesses (from 0.37% the previous year).

4-Year Dropout Rate Projection

A dropout rate of 34.60% is projected over the next four years for the present 9th grade cohort of students (see Appendix, page a-8). This rate is slightly lower than the rate projected for the 9th grade cohort of the previous year and reflects a decline in the dropout rates at grades 9 and 10.

The projected dropout rate is the estimate of what percentage of the present class of 9th grade students will drop out, overall, through their scheduled graduation year. In the absence of dropout intervention factors, the projection formula assumes that: (1) grade level dropout rates will remain constant over the four year period; and (2) dropouts will not return to school.



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DATA LIMITATIONS AND RELIABILITY

The student data presented in this report were collected and verified through a series of automated and manual procedures involving the district-wide student database and registrars' records at all local schools with secondary students (grades 7-12 and ungraded). As in previous years, the initial pool of student "leavers" obtained from the Student Information Management System (SIMS) was sent to each local school for verification and for additional information. Manual verification of all student data was required of local schools, which strengthened the reliability of student withdrawal information as improvements in data-entry practices are implemented across schools.

To determine the extent to which all student leavers were accurately identified, a comparison was made between the number of leavers "counted" and the attrition reflected in the membership differences for SY 1992-93 and SY 1993-94 for this cohort of secondary students. As shown in the attrition data (page 2), the calculated attrition and student count figures were closely reconciled, and the number of leavers identified reflect an error rate of less than one percent (0.1%). The error rate results from an over-identification of 29 student leavers. Due to incomplete biographical student data, duplicate student records could not be completely eliminated, resulting in a slight over-count.

The reliability of the school leaver classifications (i.e., dropout, transfer, etc.) is dependent upon the accuracy of information received from the registrar of local schools and upon the efficiency of tracking procedures implemented through SIMS. It is noted that, due to time constraints and resource limitations, the level of student verification and tracking does not extend beyond the student records on file in the local schools or beyond the student records maintained in SIMS. The reliability of the dropout tracking system, for out-of-city transfers in particular, would, therefore, benefit from more efficient documentation of student transfer destinations by local schools. Also, the high rate of inter-district mobility for secondary students throughout the school year requires that the dropout accounting system rely exclusively on SIMS to track students in a timely and efficient manner and to determine their last school of enrollment. Therefore, the accuracy of student transfer data in SIMS is particularly important as dropout data are disaggregated by school, cluster and city ward.

It is noted that improvements in the quality of student data maintained at local schools have been on-going since the initial implementation of the dropout accounting project in SY 1989-90. However, the dropout accounting system reveals the need for



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greater efficiency in SIMS documentation of student transfers, as well as the need for more timely record updates as students withdraw and enroll in schools. In sum, while the reliability of the dropout accounting system continues to improve, it is limited to the efficiency and availability of district-wide student information collected by the local schools and maintained in SIMS.



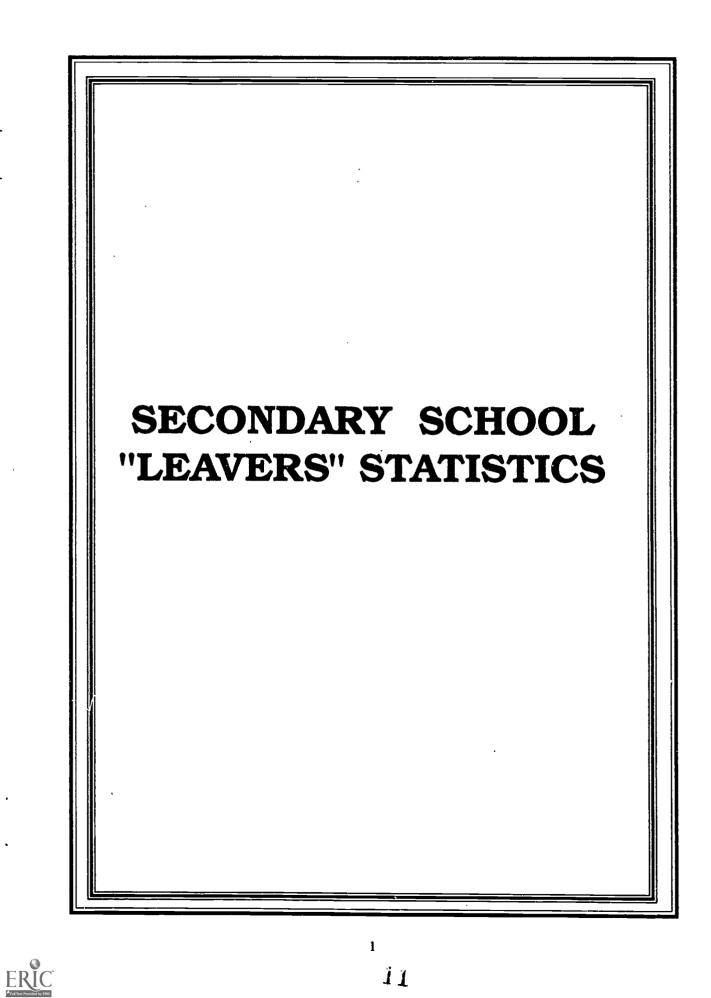
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SCHOOL "LEAVERS" STATISTICS D.C. PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School Year 1992-93 (Grade 7-12)

ATTRITION	Number	% of Fall '92 Membership
a/ TOTAL FALL '92 MEMBERSHIP b/ TOTAL FALL '93 CONTINUED	30317	
b/ TOTAL FALL '93 CONTINUED COHORT MEMBERSHIP c/ TOTAL SCHOOL LEAVERS	-23641	77.98
(Attrition)	6676	22.02
SCHOOL LEAVERS COUNTED		
d Graduates	3136	10.34
 e/ Transfers: Out-Migration (out-of-city) Optional Educational Programs: D.C. Private School (63) DCPS Adult Educ Ctr (32) Job Corp (36) 	852 131	2.81 0.43
 <i>Incapacitated:</i> Court-Ordered Withdrawal (56) Death/Illness (31) 	87	0.28
g/ DROPOUTS:		
 b/ • Voluntary Withdrawal 986 i/ • Left W/O Explanation 1513 	2499	8.24
TOTAL SCHOOL LEAVERS	<u>6705</u>	21.63
Attrition Difference		
School Leavers Counted Attrition	-6705 6676	
	<u>ن</u> +29(0.1%)	
SY 1992-93 2499 DROPOUT RATE 2499 30317 30317	= 0.0824 X 100 = 8.249	%

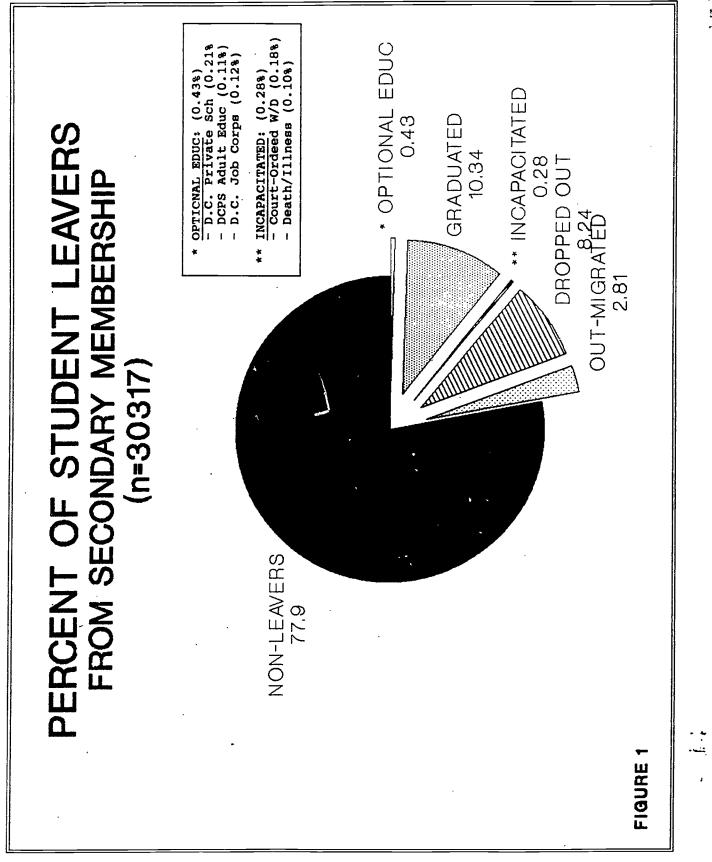


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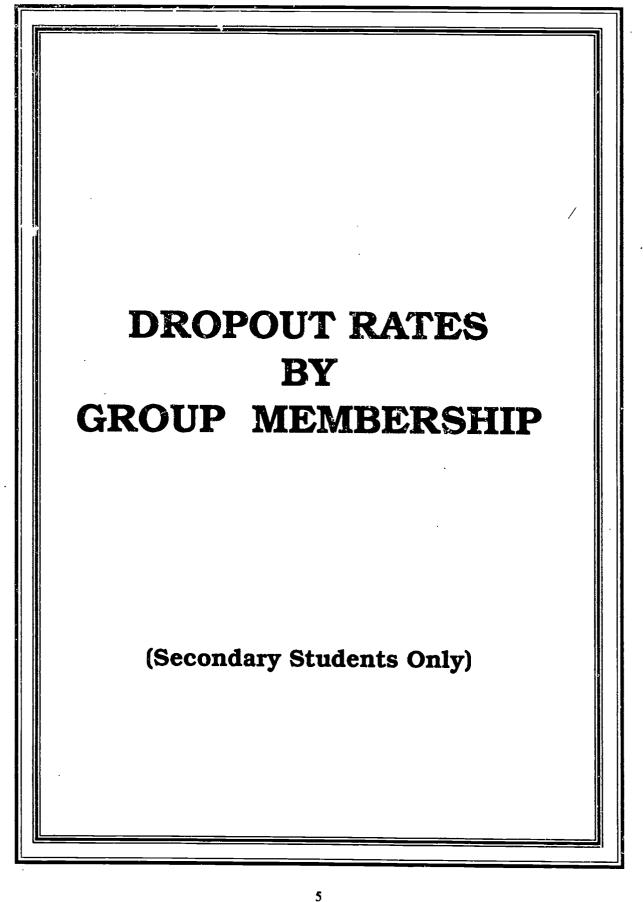
- <u>a</u>/ Based on validated Fall 1992 (October 15, 1992) enrollment for secondary students (N=30,317) in grades 7-12, ungraded
- b/ Continued enrollment of Fall 1992 cohort in Fall 1993 {i,e., Fall 1993 students in grades 8-12 (n=24,268), plus Fall 1992 cohort retained in grade 7 (n=299), minus SY 1992-93 late entrants into grades 7-12 (n=806), minus Fall 1993 new entrants into school system at grades 8-12 (n=120)}
- School leavers include all students enrolled during Fall 92 but who did not reenroll the following Fall 1993 including graduates, transfers, the incapacitated and dropouts.
- <u>d</u>/ Includes Spring and Summer 1993 graduates
- <u>e</u>/ Students transferred to DCPS adult education centers are not counted in DCPS membership totals and are, therefore, identified as DCPS leavers; students transferred to DCPS alternative education programs are not considered to be school leavers.
- f/ Court-ordered withdrawals include juvenile offenders sentenced to Oak Hill and Cedar Knolls detention centers.
- g/ Dropouts include secondary students withdrawn from all regular academic, alternative and special education programs.
- \underline{h} / Students withdrawn after giving some type of notification.
- Students withdrawn after prolonged absences of 45 or more consecutive school days who did not re-enroll in an educational program by October 21, 1993 (according to the official definition of a dropout; see Appendix, page a-3).
- j/ Due to duplicate student records, school leavers 'counted' exceeded the actual "attrition" number by 29 students; incomplete biographical records did not permit the complete reconciliation of duplicate student withdrawals.





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DROPOUTS BY GROUP MEMBERSHIP D.C. PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DROPOUTS	Total Number	Dropouts as percent of Respective Membership Group k/	Percent of Total Dropouts
OVERALL	2499	8.24	100.00
Race/Ethnic			
African-American	2279	8.29	91.20
American-Indian	0	.00	.00
Asian	38	8.70	1.52
Hispanic	113	6.75	4.52 1.28
White	32	4.46	1.28
y Unidentified	37	N/A	1.40
m/ Gender	1050	10.44	55.14
Male	1378	10.44 7.85	44.86
Female	1121	1.05	
n/Age	109	<u>SEE NOTE:</u>	4.32
12 - 13	108 331	<u>SEE NOTE.</u>	13.25
14 - 15 16 - 17	625		25.01
18 - 19	770		30.81
20 - 21	380		15.21
Over 21	94		3.76
	191		7.64
Grade		0.00	C 0.4
p/ Ungraded	151	8.29	6.04
07	284	5.35	11.36 9.76
08	244	4.86 7.60	15.41
09	385 620	11.54	24.81
10 11	497	11.59	19.89
12	318	9.27	12.73
7 - 9	913	5.93	36.53
9 - 12	1820	10.02	72.83
10 - 12	1435	10.96	57.42

School Year 1992-93 (Grades 7-12)



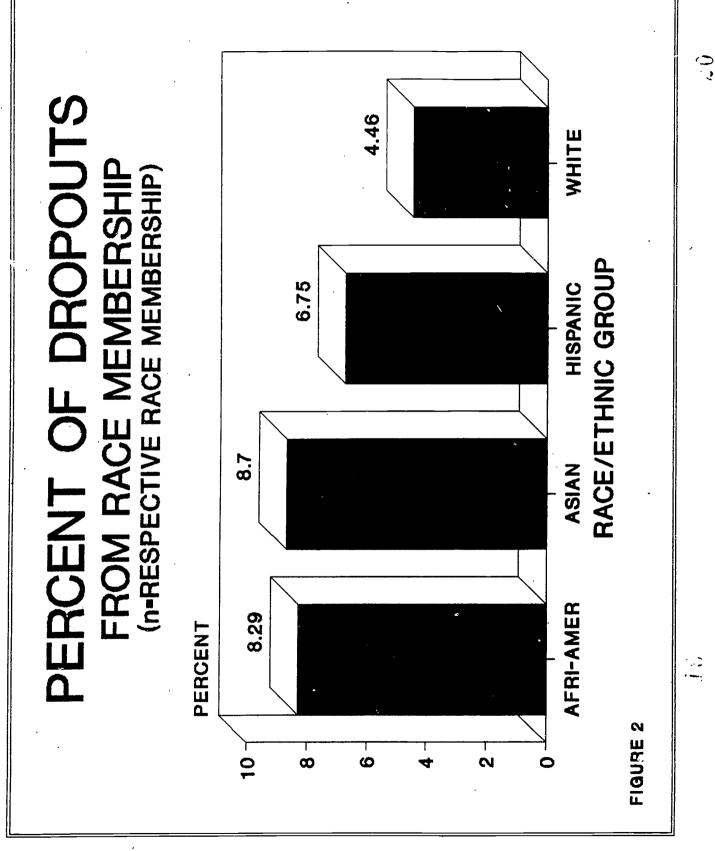
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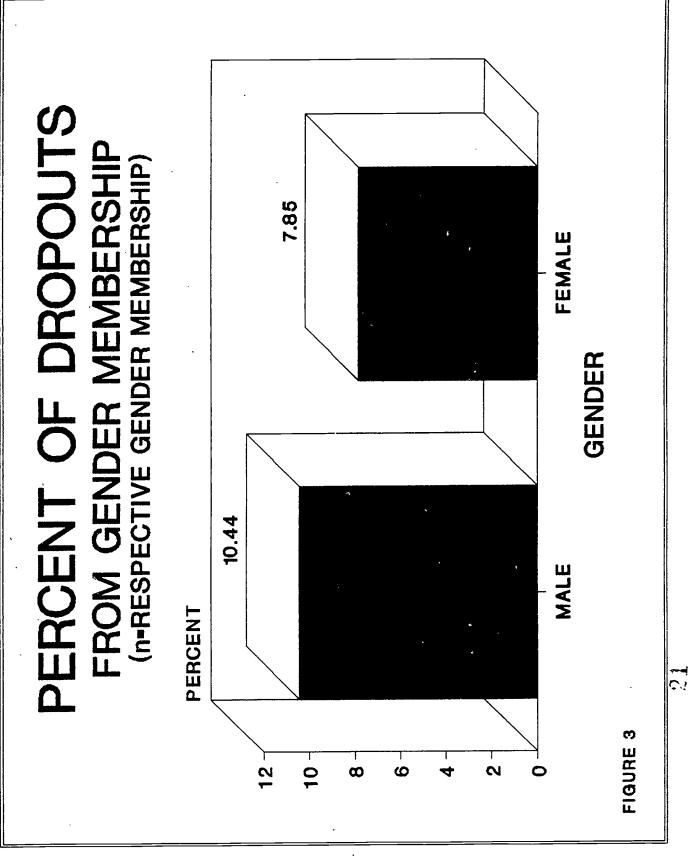
- by Dropouts as a percentage of their respective race, gender, age, and grade membership
- Incomplete biographical records prevented the classification of 37 dropouts by race
- <u>m</u>/ SY 1991-92 secondary male membership = 14,704; secondary female membership = 15,613
- n/ 60.54% of dropouts left without explanation and did not formally withdraw, including students under the legal dropout age (under 18 years old by the close of SY 1992-93)
- Q/ Incomplete biographical data prevented the classification of 191 dropouts by age
- p/ Ungraded students include special education students who did not have a grade specification in their regular academic school or special education center, and students who were unclassified due to their participation in the English as a Second Language (ESL) Program, or participated in Spingarn S.T.A.Y. and Ballou S.T.A.Y. alternative programs.

NOTE: Student membership data not presently available by age



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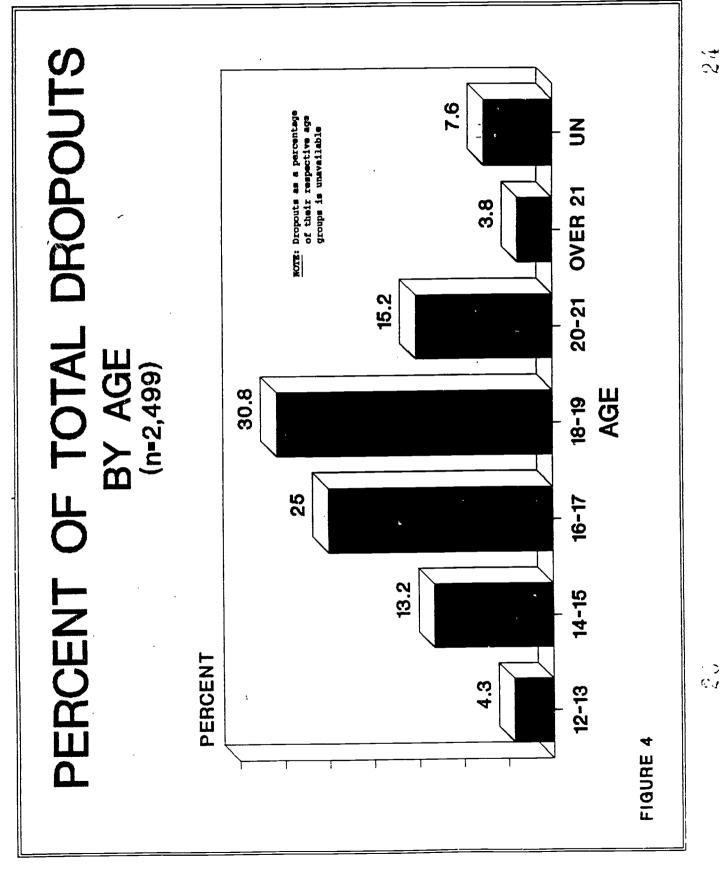


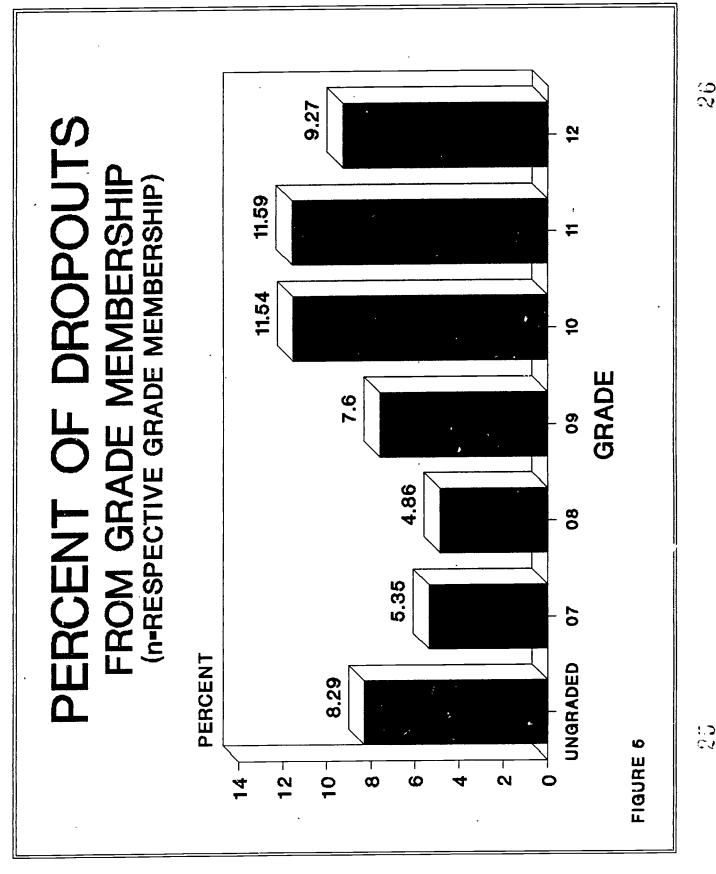


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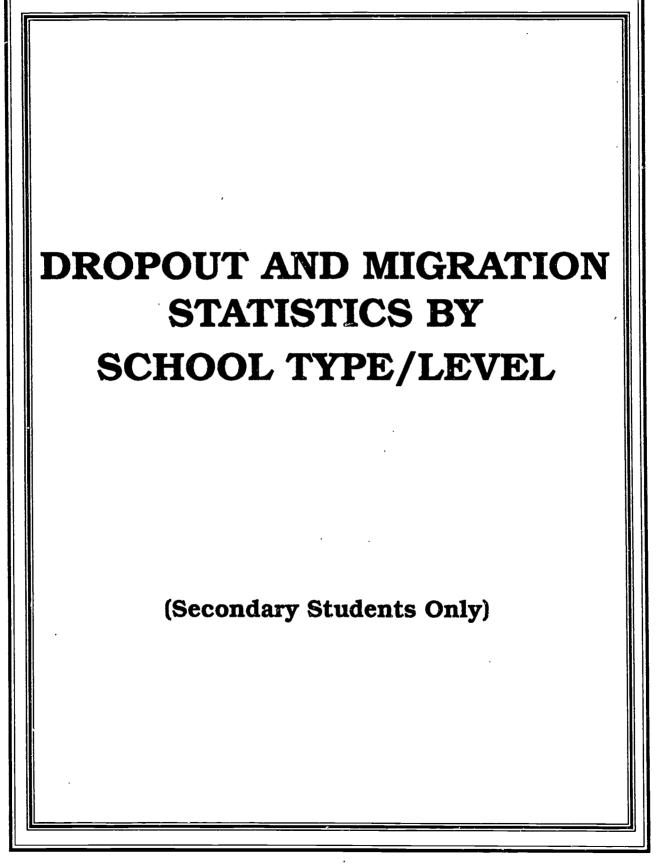
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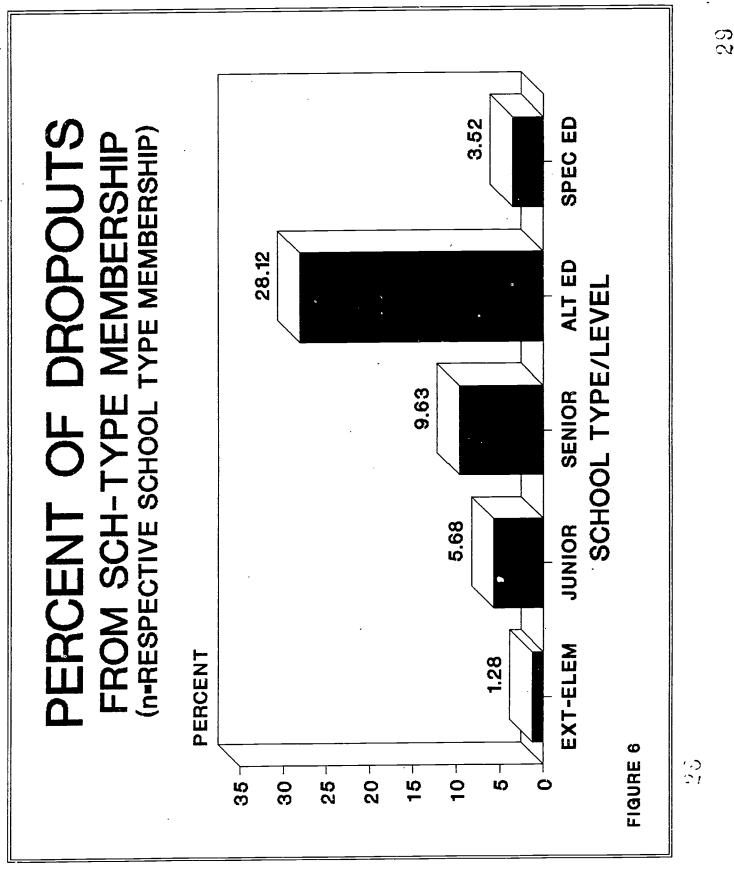




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EXTENDED ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

(n=1793)

GRADE	7	8	9	10	11	12	UN	TOTAL
DROPOUTS	13	9	0	0	0	0	1	23
COURT-ORDERED WITHDRAWALS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DEATH OR ILLNESS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TRF TO DCPS ADULT ED CTR	· 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TRF TO D.C. PRIVATE SCHOOL	0	8	0	0	0	0	1	9
TRF OUT-OF-CITY	20	12	0	0	0	0	2	34
TRF TO JOB CORPS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	33	29	0	0	0	0	4	66

DROPOUT RATE:

23	v	100	≕ 1.28%
1793	Α	100	- 1.2070

MIGRATION (TRANSFER) RATE:

1793

43

X 100 = 2.40%





GRADE	7	8	9	10	11	12	UN	TOTAL
DROPOUTS	270	235	201	0	0	0	11	717
COURT-ORDERED WITHDRAWALS	12	18	8	0	0	ò	0	38
DEATH OR ILLNESS	4	4	5	0	0	0	0	13
TRF TO DCPS ADULT ED CTR	7	4	3	0	0	0	0	14
TRF TO D.C. PRIVATE SCHOOL	9	13	6	· 0	0	0	4	32
TRF OUT-OF-CITY	188	168	72	0	0	0	2	430
TRF TO JOB CORPS	3	4	5	0	0	0	1	13
TOTAL	493	446	300	()	0	0	18	1257

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

(n=12,628)

DROPOUT RATE:

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X 100 = 5.68%

MIGRATION (TRANSFER) RATE:

12,628

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X 100 = 3.87%

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UN TOTAL GRADE DROPOUTS **COURT-ORDERED** WITHDRAWALS DEATH OR ILLNESS TRF TO DCPS ADULT ED CTR TRF TO D.C. PRIVATE SCHOOL 186 109 **TRF OUT-OF-CITY** TRF TO JOB CORPS TOTAL 0 169 744 539 316

SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS (n=13,944)

DROPOUT RATE:	1343	-	100	= 9.63%
	13,944	X	100	
MIGRATION (TRANSFER) RATE:	434	V	100	- 9 1 104
	13,944	А	100	= 3.11%



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ALTERNATIVE HIGH SCHOOLS

(n=1412)

GRADE	7	8	9	10	11	12	UN	TOTAL
DROPOUTS	0	0	67	103	85	47	95	397
COURT-ORDERED WITHDRAWALS	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	. 1
DEATH OR ILLNESS	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	4
TRF TO DCPS ADULT ED CTR	0	0	0	1	1	1	о	3
TRF TO D.C. PRIVATE SCHOOL	0	. 0	0	0	0	0	о	0
TRF OUT-OF-CITY	0	0	0	4	1 ·	0	1	6
TRF TO JOB CORPS	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
TOTAL	0	0	67	110	89	48	98	412

DROPOUT RATE:	397	$\nabla 100 = 00 1004$
	1412	X 100 = 28.12%
MIGRATION (TRANSFER) RATE:	10	¥ 100 0 710/
	1412	X 100 = 0.71%



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GRADE	7	8	9	10	11	12	UN	TOTAL
DROPOUTS	• 1	0	1	1	2	1	13	19
COURT-ORDERED WITHDRAWALS	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	4
DEATH OR ILLNESS	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
TRF TO DCPS ADULT ED CTR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TRF TO D.C. PRIVATE SCHOOL	1	· 0	0	· 0	0	0	1	2
TRF OUT-OF-CITY	0	0	1	0	1	0	3	5
TRF TO JOB CORPS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	3	0	3	3	3	<u>,</u> 1	20	33

SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOLS

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(n=540)

DROPOUT RATE:

------ X 100 = 3.52%

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MIGRATION (TRANSFER) RATE:

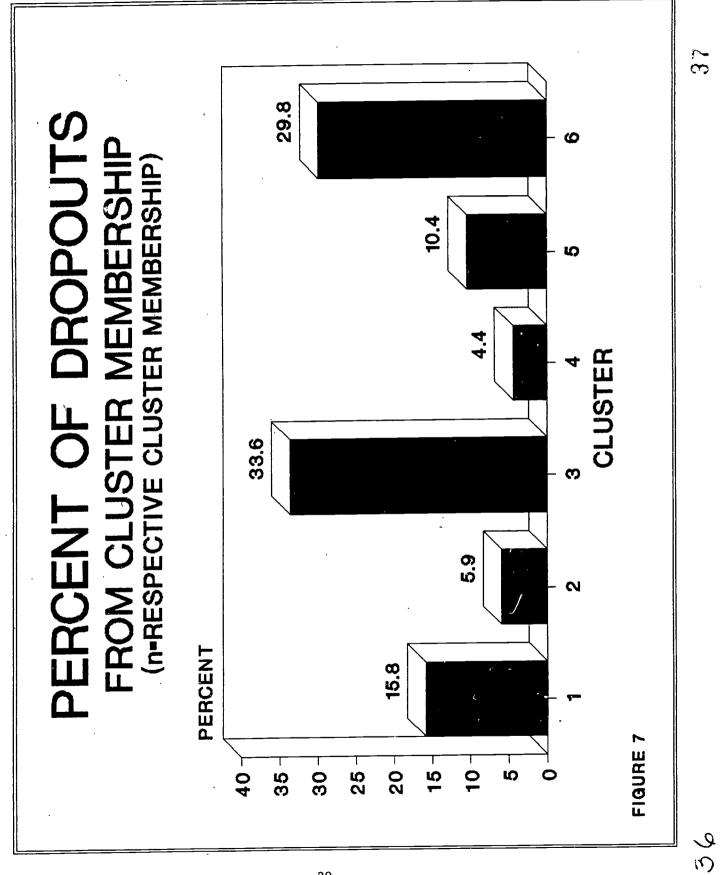
 $\frac{7}{540}$ X 100 = 1.30%

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DROPOUT AND MIGRATION STATISTICS BY CLUSTER (Secondary Students Only)





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GRADE	7	8	9	10	11	12	UN	TOTAL
DROPOUTS	77	67	66	55	37	40	53	395
COURT-ORDERED WITHDRAWALS	6	3	3	4	0	0	0	16
DEATH OR ILLNESS	3	1	1	1	1	2	2	`11
TRF TO DCPS ADULT ED CTR	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	3
TRF TO D.C. PRIVATE SCHOOL	, 2	3	3	0	1	0	1	10
TRF OUT-OF-CITY	38	43	27	65	11	10	2	196
TRF TO JOB CORP.	` 1	2	3	6	0	0	0	12
TOTAL	127	119 ·	105	132	50	52	58	643

CLUSTER I (n=5600)

DROPOUT RATE:

 $\frac{395}{5600} \times 100 = 7.05\%$

MIGRATION (TRANSFER) RATE:

 $\frac{221}{5600} \times 100 = 3.95\%$



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GRADE	7	8	. 9	10	11	12	UN	TOTAL
DROPOUTS	12	10	13	46	34	25	7	147
COURT ORDERED WITHDRAWALS	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2
DEATH OR ILLNESS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TRF TO DCPS ADULT ED CTR	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
TRF TO D.C. PRIVATE SCHOOL	4	3	2	3	5	0	0	17
TRF OUT-OF-CITY	63	61	31	39	39	6	•0	239
TRF TO JOB CORP	· 0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
TOTAL	79	76	46	89	78	32	7	407

CLUSTER 2 (n=4760)

DROPOUT RATE:

 $\frac{147}{4760} \times 100 = 3.09\%$

MIGRATION (TRANSFER) RATE:

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GRADE	7	8	9	10	11	12	UN	TOTAL
DROPOUTS	108	82	93	220	174	100	63	84û
COURT ORDERED WITHDRAWALS	2	5	4	2	0	0	0	13
DEATH OR ILLNESS	0	3	3	2	0	. 0	0	8
TRF TO DCPS ADULT ED CTR	5	3	0	3	0	0	0	11
TRF TO D.C. PRIVATE SCHOOL	2	2	2	2	0	0	3	11
TRF OUT-OF-CITY	49	42	23	29	16	6	2	167
TRF TO JOB CORP	, 1	2	1	4	2	2	1	13
TOTAL	167	139	126	262	192	108	69	1063

CLUSTER 3 (n=8456)

DROPOUT RATE:

MIGRATION (TRANSFER) RATE:

 $\frac{840}{8456} \times 100 = 9.93\%$ $\frac{202}{8456} \times 100 = 2.39\%$



GRADE	7	8	9	10	11	12	UN	TOTAL
DROPOUTS	5	4	1	51	33	17	0	111
COURT ORDERED WITHDRAWALS	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	4
DEATH OR ILLNESS	0	0	1	0	. 1	0	0	2
TRF TO DCPS ADULT ED CTR	0	0	0	3	0	2	0	5
TRF TO D.C. PRIVATE SCHOOL	1	7	0	0	0	0	0	8
TRF OUT-OF-CITY	7	9	1	12	10	0	2	41
TRF TO JOB CORP	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
TOTAL	14	20	4	69	44	19	2	172

CLUSTER 4 (n=1504)

DROPOUT	RATE:
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DROPOUT RATE:	111	T 100 7 800/
	1504	X 100 = 7.38%
MIGRATION (TRANSFER) RATE:	55	X 100 = 3.67%
	1504	A 100 = 3.07%

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GRADE	7	8	9	10	11	12	UN	TOTAL
DROPOUTS	49	58	61	41	29	23	0	261
COURT ORDERED WITHDRAWALS	3	8	1	0	0	2	0	14
DEATH OR ILLNESS	1	0	0	2	1	0	U	4
TRF TO DCPS ADULT ED CTR	- 1	0	1	2	3	0	0	7
TRF TO D.C. PRIVATE SCHOOL	0	4	2	2	0	1	0	9
TRF OUT-OF-CITY	26	17	22	16	20	10	0	111
TRF TO JOB CORP	· 0	0	2	2	0	0	0	4
TOTAL	80	87	89	65	53	36	0	410

CLUSTER 5 (n=5524)

DROPOUT RATE:	261	X 100 = 4.72%
	5524	$\mathbf{X} = 100 = 4.72\%$
MIGRATION (TRANSFER) RATE:	131	X 100 = 2.37%
	5524	A 100 = 2.37%



GRADE	7	8	9	10	11	12	UN	TOTAL
DROPOUTS	33	23	151	207	190	113	28	745
COURT ORDERED WITHDRAWALS	1	1	3	0	1	1	0	7
DEATH OR ILLNESS	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	6
TRF TO DCPS ADULT ED CTR	1	0	0	1	3	0	0	5
TRF TO D.C. PRIVATE SCHOOL	· 1	2	. 0	·0	3	0	2	8
TRF OUT-OF-CITY	25	8	13	29	15	4	4	98
TRF TO JOB CORP	1	0	2	1	1	0	0	5
TOTAL	62	34	169	240	214	118	37	874

CLUSTER 6 (n=4473)

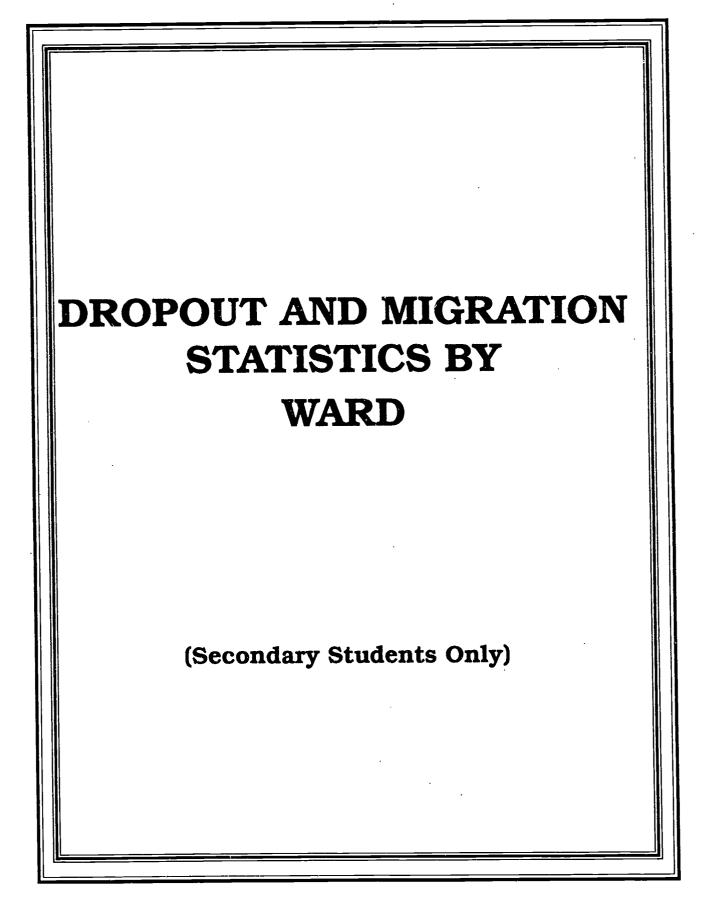
DROPOUT RATE:

 $\frac{745}{4473} \quad X \ 100 = 16.66\%$ $\frac{116}{4473} \quad X \ 100 = 2.59\%$

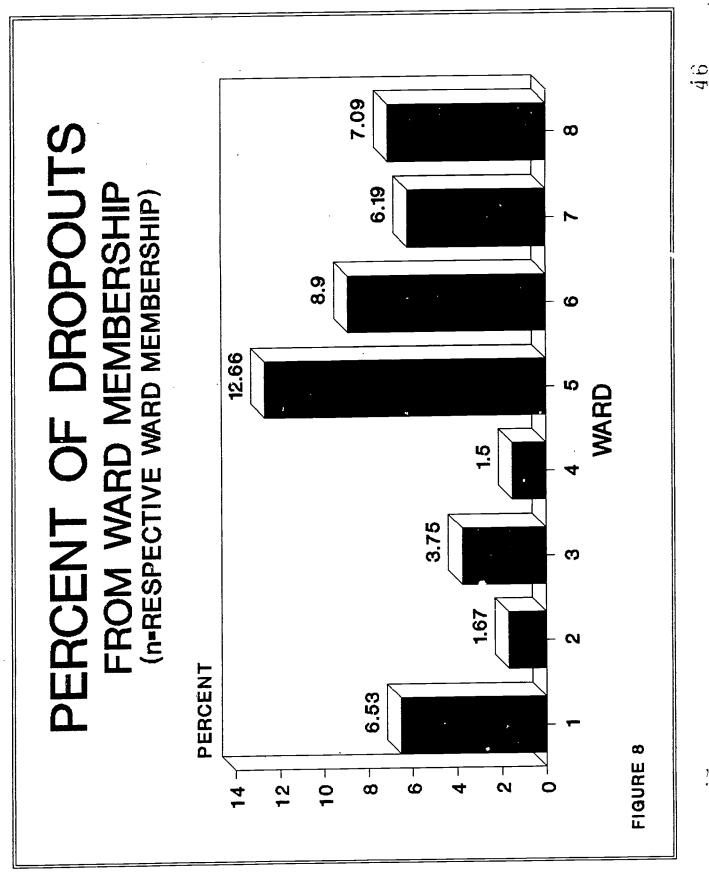
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MIGRATION (TRANSFER) RATE:

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GRADE	7	8	9	10	11	12	UN	TOTAL
DROPOUTS	34	33	47	40	25	6	0	185
COURT-ORDERED WITHDRAWALS	2	5	0	0	0	1	0	8
DEATH OR ILLNESS	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	4
TRF TO DCPS ADULT ED CTR	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	5
TRF TO D.C. PRIVATE SCHOOL	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	3
TRF OUT-OF-CITY	10	6	14	16	20	9	0	75
TRF TO JOB CORPS	0	. 0	1	2	0	0	0	3
TOTAL	47	45	62	64	49	16	0	283

WARD 1 (n=2834)

DROPOUT RATE: $\frac{185}{2834}$ X 100 = 6.53% MIGRATION (TRANSFER) RATE: $\frac{86}{2834}$ X 100 = 3.03%

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GRADE	7	8	9	10	11	12	UN	TOTAL
DROPOUTS	13	18	7	6	1	3	0	48
COURT-ORDERED WITHDRAWALS	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	4
DEATH OR ILLNESS	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
TRF TO DCPS ADULT ED CTR	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	3
TRF TO D.C. PRIVATE SCHOOL	2	3	4	0	0	0	0	9
TRF OUT-OF-CITY	59	45	26	9	9	1	0	149
TRF TO JOB CORPS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	76	69	40	15	10	4	0	214

WARD 2 (n=2871)

DROPOUT RATE:

 $\frac{48}{2871}$ X 100 = 1.67%

MIGRATION (TRANSFER) RATE:

 $\frac{161}{2871} \quad X \ 100 = 5.61\%$

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GRADE	7	8	9	10	11	12	UN	TOTAL
DROPOUTS	· 4	2	6	40	33	22	7	114
COURT-ORDERED WITHDRAWALS	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
DEATH OR ILLNESS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TRF TO DCPS ADULT ED CTR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TRF TO D.C. PRIVATE SCHOOL	0	2	2	0	3	5	0	12
TRF.OUT-OF-CITY	18	21	10	30	30	5	0	. 114
TRF TO JOB CORPS	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1 .
TOTAL	22	25	18	71	66	33	7	242

WARD 3 (n=3036)

DROPOUT RATE:

 $\frac{114}{3036} - X 100 = 3.75\%$

$$\frac{12.7}{3036} \times 100 = 4.18\%$$

MIGRATION (TRANSFER) RATE:

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GRADE	7	8	9	10	11	12	UN	TOTAL
DROPOUTS	26	19	68	121	122	82	16	454
COURT-ORDERED WITHDRAWALS	0	1	3	0	0	1	0	5
DEATH OR ILLNESS	0	0	0	1	1	0	3	5
TRF TO DCPS ADULT ED CTR	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	3
TRF TO D.C. PRIVATE SCHOOL	1	· 2	0	· 0	3	0	2	8
TRF OUT-OF-CITY	21	5	13	27	15	4	4	89
TRF TO JOB CORPS	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	4
TOTAL	49	27	86	150	144	87	25	568

WARD 4 (n=3715)

DROPOUT RATE:

 $\frac{559}{3715} \times 100 = 1.50\%$

MIGRATION (TRANSFER) RATE:

$$\frac{104}{3715} \times 100 = 2.80\%$$

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GRADE	7	8	9	10	11	12	UN	TOTAL
DROPOUTS	24	24	109	184	152	126	74	693
COURT-ORDERED WITHDRAWALS	1	2	1	0	1	1	0	6
DEATH OR ILLNESS	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	5
TRF TO DCPS ADULT ED CTR	1	0	0	7	1	2	0	11
TRF TO D.C. PRIVATE SCHOOL	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	3
TRF OUT-OF-CITY	21	21	11	29	20	5	0	107
TRF TO JOB CORPS	2	1	1	5	1	2	0	12
TOTAL	50	50	123	227	176	137	74	837

WARD 5 (n=5472)

DROPOUT RATE:

 $\frac{693}{5472} \times 100 = 12.66\%$

MIGRATION (TRANSFER) RATE:

 $\frac{133}{5472} \times 100 = 2.43\%$



GRADE	7	8	9	10	11	12	UN	TOTAL
DROPOUTS	56	47	64	143	123	47	7	· 487
COURT-ORDERED WITHDRAWALS	2	3	4	6	0	0	0	15
DEATH OR ILLNESS	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	4
TRF TO DCPS ADULT ED CTR	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
TRF TO D.C. PRIVATE SCHOOL	1	8	2	2	0	0	0	13
TRF OUT-OF-CITY	30	33	19	11	6	2	2	103
TRF TO JOB CORPS	1	3	2	0	0	0	1	7
TOTAL	90	95	91	163	130	51	10	630

WARD 6 (n=4611)

DROPOUT RATE:

 $\frac{487}{4611} \times 100 = 10.56\%$

MIGRATION (TRANSFER) RATE:

 $\frac{124}{4611} \times 100 = 2.69\%$



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GRADE	7	8	9	10	11	12	UN	TOTAL
DROPOUTS	59	49	34	51	24	11	1	229
COURT-ORDERED WITHDRAWALS	2	3	1	1	0	0	0	7
DEATH OR ILLNESS	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	4
TRF TO DCPS ADULT ED CTR	0	4	2	0	0	0	0	6
TRF TO D.C. PRIVATE SCHOOL	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	5
TRF OUT-OF-CITY	26	28	9	11	3	2	2	81
TRF TO JOB CORPS	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2
TOTAL	88	87	49	63	28	13	6	334

WARD 7 (n=3699)

DROPOUT RATE:

 $\frac{229}{3699} \times 100 = 6.19\%$

MIGRATION (TRANSFER) RATE:

 $\frac{94}{3699}$ X 100 = 2.54%

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GRADE	7	8	9	10	11	12	UN	TOTAL
DROPOUTS	68	52	50	35	17	21	46	289
COURT-ORDERED WITHDRAWALS	5	2	2	1	0	0	0	10
DEATH OR ILLNESS	3	1	1	1	0	0	2	8
TRF TO DCPS ADULT ED CTR	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	3
TRF TO D.C. PRIVATE SCHOOL	2	3	3	0	1	0	1	10
TRF OUT-OF-CITY	23	21	15	57	8	8	2	134
TRF TO JOB CORPS	0	0	1	6	0	0	0	7
TOTAL	101	79	74	101	26	29	51	461

WARD 8 (n=4079)

DROPOUT RATE:

MIGRATION (TRANSFER) RATE:

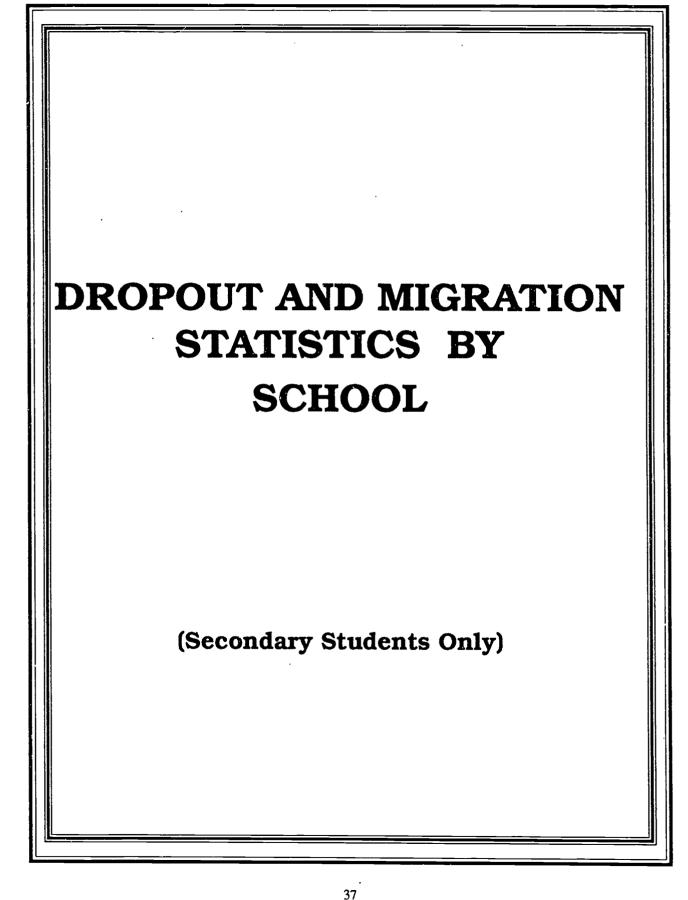
 $\frac{289}{4079} \times 100 = 7.09\%$

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 $\frac{156}{4079} \times 100 = 3.82\%$



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D.C. PUBLIC SCHOOLS DROPOUT AND MIGRATION RATES BY SCHOOLS SCHOOL YEAR 1992-93

SCHOOL	DROPOUT PERCENT	DROPOUT NUMBER g/	MIGRATION PERCENT	MIGRATION NUMBER 1/
Anacostia SHS	12.03	77	3.28	21
Backus JHS	13.07	37	2.83	8
Ballou SHS	6.01	89	5.74	85
Ballou STAY	8.57	33	0.26	1
Banneker SHS	0.00	· 0	0.51	2
Bell-MCI SHS	9.34	62	4.07	27
Browne JHS	3.16	18	6.50	37
Buchanan ES	6.00	6	3.00	3
Cardoza SHS	2.94	26	4.07	36
Coolidge SHS	28.30	242	2.11	18
D.C.Street Academy	29.95	59	2.03	4
Deal JHS	0.84	8	4.94	47
Douglass JHS	22.80	83	2.47	9
Dunbar SHS	8.79	69	2.80	22
Eastern SHS	13.36	276	0.58	12
Eliot JHS	4.82	21	4.36	19
Ellington SHS	5.38	24	2.24	10
Evans JHS	10.63	34	4.38	14
Fletcher-Johnson ES	4.53	19	0.95	4
Fort Lincoln ES	1.85	2	0.93	1
Francis JHS	1.57	9	10.96	63
Garnett-Patterson JHS	5 4.78	10	2.87	6
Hardy ES	0.00	0	0.71	1
Harris, P.R. ES	4.24	25	1.36	8
Hart JHS	1.98	15	6.47	49
Hine JHS	10.77	85	0.51	4
Jefferson JHS	1.32	12	4.84	44
Johnson JHS	8.76	44	0.40	2
Kramer JHS	3.88	14	11.08	40
Langley JHS	3.35	11	3.05	10
Lee, Mamie D. ES	1.65	4	0.83	2
Lincoln JHS	12.78	87	2.20	15
MacFarland JHS	6.03	22	2.47	9
McKinley SHS	2.59	23	0.23	2
Merritt ES	4.84	3	0.00	ō
Miller JHS	1.95	8	3.65	15
Paul JHS	1.97	13	2.12	14

(Grades 7-12)



D.C. PUBLIC SCHOOLS DROPOUT AND MIGRATION RATES BY SCHOOLS SCHOOL YEAR 1992-93

SCHOOL	DROPOUT	DROPOUT NUMBER <u>q</u> /	MIGRATION PERCENT	MIGRATION NUMBER_I/
Phelps SHS	18.83	100	3.01	16
Rabaut JHS	8.77	30	0.58	2
River Terrace ES	8.70	2	4.35	1
Roosevelt SHS	13.84 ·	130	4.79	45
Roper JHS	3.51	14	7.02	28
Sch W/O Walls SHS	5.02	12	19.04	24
Senate Page SHS	0.00	0	0.00	0
Sharpe Health ES	4.55	9	1.01	2
Shaw JHS	1.64	15	3.29	30
Sousa JHS	2.96	11	0.81	3
Spingarn SHS	8.32	44	4.91	26
Spingarn STAY	22.97	82	0.00	0
Stuart-Hobson MS	4.21	8	13.16	25
Taft JHS	5.51	25	0.44	2
Takoma ES	3.54	4	9.73	11
Terrell JHS	0.00	0	0.00	0
Wash. M.M. SHS	16.87	28	3.01	5
Washington-Dix St 5 /	70.14	195	0.00	0
Wilson SHS	5.47	82	4.61	69
Winston ES	2.68	4	2.01	· 3
Woodson, C.G. JHS	10.63	47	1.53	7
Woodson, H.D. SHS	7.89	87	1.72	19
TOTAL	8.24	2499	3.24	981

(Grades 7-12)

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g/ School dropouts are attributed to last school of enrollment on the Student Information Management System (SIMS)

- <u>r</u>/ Students transferred to DCPS adult education programs, D.C. private schools, D.C. Job Corps, and out-of-city
 - \underline{s} / School operates on a tri-mester basis
 - NOTE: Data was obtained from the official membership files of the Student Information Management System (SIMS) and verified by local schools





APPENDIX

- ****** GLOSSARY OF TERMS
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- ** TWO-YEAR TRENDS ANONG SECONDARY SCHOOL DROPOUTS
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- ** D.C. PUBLIC SCHOOLS BY WARD



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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

- Attrition the measure of students enrolled during school year 1991-92 but who did not re-enroll the following Fall 1992 including graduates, transfers, the incapacitated and dropouts; includes all school leavers
- Automated Data Collection data retrieved through automated procedures using the Student Information Management System (SIMS)
- **Cohort** a single group of students identified by a specific characteristic in common (e.g., grade level, school level)
- Dropout see Appendix, page a-2 for definitions adopted by D.C. Public Schools and the U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics
- Longitudinal Dropout Rate the percentage of a cohort of students who did not complete school and were not enrolled in school at their scheduled time of graduation
- Nanual Data Collection data retrieved from local schools through written requests and responses
- **Nigration** student transferring out-of-city and to optional educational programs such as D.C. private schools, DCPS adult education programs, D.C. Job Corps
- **Out-Nigration** out-of-city transfers only
- Projection Formula (Synthetic Cohort) a formula that applies information.collected from several cohorts at the same time to estimate the outcome of a single cohort if it were followed over time; the formula assumes that no major yearto-year changes will occur in the grade-specific dropout rates; formula is used to project the 4-year dropout rate
- **Reliability** the extent to which student data consistently reflect changes in enrollment/withdrawal over time and across the school system
- School Leavers students enrolled in D.C. Public Schools on October 15, 1992 but did not return as of October 21, 1993 including graduates, transfers, dropouts, court-ordered withdrawals, deaths, and incapacitated.

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DROPOUT DEFINITION

D.C. Public Schools

" A DROPOUT IS A STUDENT WHO LEAVES SCHOOL PRIOR TO GRADUATION OR COMPLETION OF A FORMAL HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION OR LEGAL EQUIVALENT, AND WHO DOES NOT ENTER ANOTHER PUBLIC OR PRIVATE EDUCATION INSTITUTION OR RECOGNIZED EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM WITHIN 45 CONSECUTIVE SCHOOL DAYS"

U.S. Department of Education

As a participant in the National Cooperative Education Statistics System of the U.S. Department of Education, the DCPS dropout definition has been expanded to include an individual who:

"(1) WAS ENROLLED IN SCHOOL AT SOME TIME DURING THE PREVIOUS SCHOOL YEAR; (2) WAS NOT ENROLLED AT THE BEGINNING OF THE CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR; (3) HAS NOT GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL OR COMPLETED A STATE- OR DISTRICT-APPROVED EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM, AND (4) DOES NOT MEET ANY OF THE EXCLUSIONARY CONDITIONS: (i) TRANSFER TO ANOTHER PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT, PRIVATE SCHOOL, OR STATE OR DISTRICT APPROVED EDUCATION PROGRAM, (ii) TEMPORARY ABSENCE DUE TO SUSPENSION OR SCHOOL APPROVED ILLNESS, OR (iii) DEATH" (NCES, 1991b).

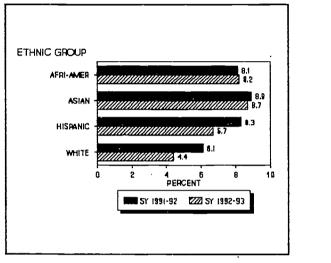


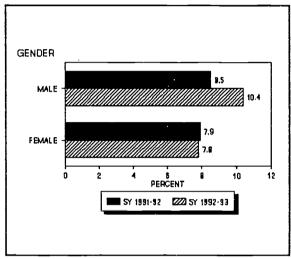


NOTE: DCFS definition developed by the Council of Great City Schools and adopted by the D. C. Board of Education on May 21, 1986; U.S. Department of Education definition developed during the Dropout Statistics Field Test, 1989-91.

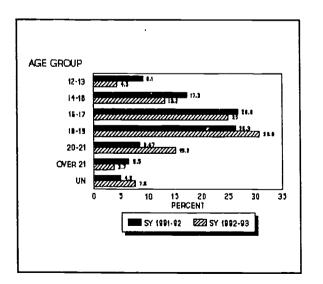
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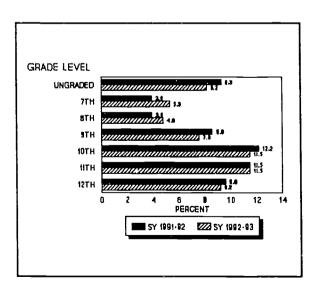
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D.C. PUBLIC SCHOOL DROPOUT RATES

FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS

(SYs 1989-93)

The method for computing the DCPS dropout rates has changed drastically over the past five years, resulting in a large difference between past and present figures. For the SY's 1986-87 through 1988-89 the dropout rates were computed using a longitudinal formula which did not take several student factors into account. In sum, the formula took the tenth grade class (cohort) and examined their graduation rate three years later. All students of this cohort who were not a part of the graduating class were counted as dropouts. The formula did not account for: (1) students who migrated out of the District of Columbia; (2) students who left their regular school but transferred to adult education centers; and (3) students who were retained in grade and took extra time to graduate. We know that many DCPS students do, in fact, migrate out of the city and we know that between 18% and 20% of the tenth grade class are retained and do not graduate on time. The inadequacy of this formula has led to the present method of tracking students annually in order to conduct an actual "head-count" of dropouts. School Year 1989-90 was the first year the annual identification and tracking procedures were implemented.

School Year	Secondary Student Dropout Rate
1988-89	a/ 42.43%
1989-90	b/ 10.37%
1990-91	b/ 9.10%
1991-92	b/ 8.23%
1992-93	b/ 8.24%

 \underline{a} computed using the three-year longitudinal formula (cohort rate) \underline{b} computed using the annual tracking procedures (event rate)



PROJECTED 4-YEAR DROPOUT RATE FOR D.C. PUBLIC SCHOOLS

 $\{ 1 - [(1-W) (1-X) (1-Y) (1-Z)] \} X 100$

(SY 1991-92) W = Annual dropout rate for grade 09 (7.60%) X = Annual dropout rate for grade 10 (11.54%) Y = Annual dropout rate for grade 11 (11.59%) Z = Annual dropout rate for grade 12 (9.27%)

Projected Dropout Rate by SY 94-95 for SY 91-92 9th Grade Cohort

{ 1 - [(1-.0760) (1-.1154) (1-.1159) (1-.0927)] } X 100 { 1 - [(.924) (.884) (.844) (.907)] } X 100 { 1 - .6540 } X 100 = **34.60%**

NOTE: Formula adopted from the U.S. Department of education, National Center of Educational Statistics (synthetic cohort rates computation). Formula assumes that: (a) grade level dropout rates will remain constant over the 4-year period; and (b) dropouts will not return to school



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DROPOUT RATES FOR A SAMPLE OF URBAN AND SUBURBAN SCHOOL DISTRICTS

SCHOOL	DROPOUT RATE	GRADE LEVEL	SCHOOL YEAR (S)
Atlanta	12.0%	9 - 12	92-93 (12 mos.)
Baltimore City	18.5%	9 - 12	92-93 (12 mos.)
Baltimore County	3.3%	9 - 12	92-93 (12 mos.)
Dade County	10.5% Male 7.6% Female	9 - 12 9 - 12	92-93 (12 mos.) "
Detroit	25.2%	K - 12	88-92 (12 mos.)
District of Columbia	8.2%	7 - 12	92-93 (12 mos.)
Los Angeles	13.5%	9 - 12	92-93 (12 mos.)
Newark	9.7%	9 - 12	92-93 (12 mos.)
Philadelphia	7.4%	7 - 12	92-93 (9 mos.)
DISTRICTS SURRO	UNDING THE I	I DISTRICT O	F COLUMBIA
Alexandria	N/A		
Fairfax	1.6%	K -12	92-93 (12 mos.)
Montgomery County	1.8%	9 - 12	92-93 (12 mos.)
Prince George's County	4.3%	9 - 12	92-93 (9 mos.)

N/A = Not Available



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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS WITH SECONDARY STUDENTS

(SY 1992-93)

Extended Elementary Schools

Fletcher-Johnson Educ. Ctr. Fort Lincoln Elementary Hardy Middle Harris, P.R. Educ. Ctr. Merritt Elementary River Terrace Commun. School Stuart-Hobson Middle Takoma Elementary Winston Elementary

Junior High Schools

Backus Junior High Browne Junior High Deal Junior High **Douglass Junior High** Eliot Junior High **Evans Junior High** Francis Junior High Garnett-Patterson Junior High Hart Junior High Hine Junior High Jefferson Junior High Johnson Junior High Kramer Junior High Langley Junior High Lincoln Junior High MacFarland Junior High Miller Junior High Paul Junior High Roper Junior High Shaw Junior High Sousa Junior High Taft Junior High Terrell Junior High

Senior High Schools

Anacostia Senior High **Ballou Senior High** Banneker Senior High Bell Multicultural Senior High Cardozo Senior High Coolidge Senior High Dunbar Senior High Eastern Senior High Ellington Senior High McKinley Senior High Phelps Senior High **Roosevelt Senior High** School W/O Walls Senior High Spingarn Senior High Wilson Senior High Woodson, H.D. Senior High

Alternative Schools

Ballou S.T.A.Y. D.C. Street Academy Washington, Dix Street Washington, M.M. School Senate Page School Spingarn S.T.A.Y.

Special Education Centers

Buchanan Secondary L/C Lee, Mamie D. L/C Sharpe Health L/C



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS LISTED BY CLUSTER

CLUSTER 1

Anacostia Senior High Ballou Senior High Ballou S.T.A.Y. Douglass Junior High Harris, P.R. Elementary Hart Junior High Johnson Junior High Kramer Junior High Sousa Junior High Winston Elementary

CLUSTER 2

Deal Junior High Ellington Senior High Francis Junior High Jefferson Junior High School W/O Walls Senior High Wilson Senior High

CLUSTER 3

Browne Junior High Eastern Senior High Eliot Junior High Evans Junior High Fletcher-Johnson Commun. Sch. Hine Junior High Merritt Elementary Miller Junior High River Terrace Elementary Roper Junior High Spingarn Senior High Spingarn S.T.A.Y. Woodson, C.G. Junior High Woodson, H.D. Senior High

CLUSTER 4

Buchanan Learning Ctr. Dunbar Senior High Stuart-Hobson Middle Washington, M.M. School

CLUSTER 5

Bell Multicultural Senior High Cardozo Senior High Ft. Lincoln Elementary Garnett-Patterson Junior High Langley Junior High Lincoln Junior High McKinley Senior High Shaw Junior High Taft Junior High

CLUSTER 6

Backus Junior High Coolidge Senior High D.C. Street Academy MacFarland Junior High Mamie D. Lee Educational Ctr. Paul Junior High Rabaut Junior High Roosevelt Senior High Sharpe Health Learning Ctr. Takoma Elementary Washington Dix St. Academy



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS LISTED BY WARDS

(SY 1992-93)

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Banneker Senior High Bell Multicultural Senior High Cardozo Senior High Garnett-Patterson Junior High Lincoln Junior High

Ward 2

Francis Junior High Jefferson Junior High School W/O Walls Senior High Shaw Junior High Terrell Junior High

Ward 3

Deal Junior High Ellington Senior High Hardy Middle School Wilson Senior High

Ward 4

Coolidge Senior High MacFarland Junior High Lee, Mamie D. Learning Ctr. Paul Junior High Roosevelt Senior High Sharpe health Learning Ctr. Takoma Elementary West Elementary

Ward 5

Backus Junior High Brown Junior High D.C. Street academy Dunbar Senior High Fort Lincoln Elementary Langley Junior High McKinley Senior High Phelps Senior High Spingarn S.T.A.Y. Taft Junior High Washington, M.M. Senior High Washington-Dix St. Academy

Ward 6

Anacostia Senior High Buchanan Learning Ctr. Eastern Senior High Eliot Junior High Hine Junior High Kramer Junior High Senate Page Senior High Stuart-Hobson Middle

<u>Ward 7</u>

Evans Junior High Fletcher-Johnson Educ. Ctr. Merritt Elementary Miller Junior High River Terrace Commun. Sch. Roper Junior High Sousa Junior High Winston Elementary Woodson, H.D. Senior High

<u>Ward 8</u>

Ballou Senior High Ballou S.T.A.Y. Douglass Junior High Harris, P.R. Education Ctr. Hart Junior High Johnson Junior High



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